

ALLEGANY COUNTY 2004 AGRICULTURAL PROFILE

<i>Farm Numbers</i> ¹	1992	1997 ³	2002
Number of Farms	219	274	278
Average Size (acres)	173	160	142
Land in Farms (acres)	37,802	43,944	39,379
<i>Livestock Inventory</i> ¹	1992	1997 ³	2002
Cattle	5,147	4,866	5,254
Hogs	160	103	16
Sheep	462	344	264
<i>2002 Value of Sales</i> ¹			
All Products (\$1,000)			2,135
Cattle and Calves (\$1,000)			783
Milk (\$1,000)			352
Other Crops (\$1,000)			330
<i>Demographic Data</i> ¹	1992	1997 ³	2002
Average Age of Operator	57.8	57.7	56.2
Percent Female Operators	8.7	6.6	7.2
<i>2002 Equine Census</i>			
Number of Equine Places			120
Equine Inventory			270
Value of Equine Inventory			\$685,000

<i>Crop Production Acres</i> <i>Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002</i> ¹			
Corn for Grain	23	Soybeans	22
Barley	23	Vegetables	22
Forage	8	Wheat	23

<i>Livestock & Poultry Inventories</i> <i>Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002</i> ¹			
Beef Cattle	6	Milk Cows	16
Broilers	23	Sheep	17
Hogs	22		

¹ Source: Census of Agriculture, NASS.

² Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

³ Revised.

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<i>Crop</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Acreage Harvested</i>	<i>Yield</i>	<i>Total Production</i>
Corn for Grain (bushels)	2002	400	91.8	36,700
	2003	300	102.0	30,600
	2004	500	124.0	62,000
Corn for Silage (tons)	2002	300	10.3	3,100
	2003	300	10.0	3,000
	2004	200	14.5	2,900
Soybeans (bushels)	2002	*	*	*
	2003	*	*	*
	2004	*	*	*
Wheat (bushels)	2002	*	*	*
	2003	*	*	*
	2004	*	*	*
Hay (tons)	2002	9,300	1.7	15,600
	2003	7,600	2.5	19,300
	2004	7,600	2.3	17,100
Barley (bushels)	2002	*	*	*
	2003	*	*	*
	2004	*	*	*

* Acreage too small to publish.

	2002	2003	2004
Cropland Cash Rents (per acre)	\$32.34	\$28.00	\$29.56

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